

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10-34 are pending in the application. Claims 7, 10-12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 4, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-31 and 34 are allowable over the prior art of record.

By this Amendment, Applicants hereby amend claims 7, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 32 and 33.

Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 4, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-31 and 34 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 7, 10-12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

During a telephone conversation on October 28, 2008, the Examiner indicated that the amendments hereby submitted with regard to claims 7, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 32 and 33 would cure the deficiencies noted by the Examiner and place the claims in condition for allowance. With regard to claims 10 and 14, these claims depend from allowed claims 1 and 4, and peer the Examiner, should not have been included in instant rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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